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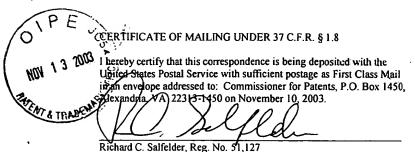
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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO AUGUST 27, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office action mailed August 27, 2003, the response to which is due November 27, 2003 and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the response to which is due December 4, 2003. Applicants request that the application be reconsidered in view of the following amendments and arguments. In the

Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the Examiner indicated that the amendment submitted on October 27, 2003 did not contain a complete listing of all the claims. With this paper, Applicants have presented a complete listing of all the claims pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121.